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Amendment
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Remarks

This Amendment After Final is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2004, wherein claims 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,525,388 to Wand et al ("Wand"); claims 42-43, and 46 were rejected in under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being obvious over Wand in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,906,241 to Noddin et al ("Noddin"); claim 45 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Noddin in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,024,722 to Rau et al ("Rau").

In addition to the above, in the Final Office Action claim 43 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form.

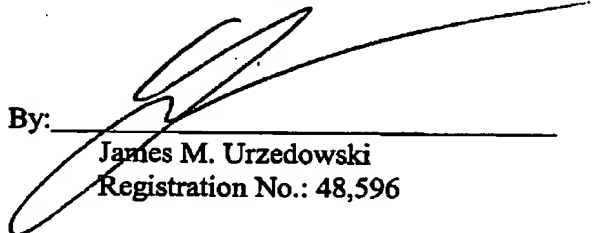
As indicated above, claims 1-46 have been cancelled from the Application without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have submitted herein new claims 47-63 which are directed to the methods recited. Instant claims 47-63 are fully supported by the application as originally filed and no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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